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### **Commission Awards \$904,452 Grant to California State University Humboldt to Improve Teaching and Learning**

February 2004 --- Humboldt State University will receive a three-year grant of \$904,452 in federal monies that have been earmarked for improving the quality of teaching. Named the *Northcoast Mathematics/Science Initiative*, this project is designed to address the great demand for teachers of mathematics and science. Designed to recruit and support new teachers, this partnership will also provide professional development opportunities for those teachers who are not fully certified in mathematics and science.

This collaborative involves the Humboldt County Office of Education, the Eureka City Schools, College of the Redwoods, the North Coast Beginning Teacher Project, Jacoby Creek School District, and the Center for Educational Excellence. Some 120 teachers in rural and remote regions of northwest California will directly benefit from the project.

The California Postsecondary Education Commission has been administering federal funds to improve teacher professional development since 1984. This year the Commission has made awards totaling over \$10 million in the *Improving Teacher Quality State Grants Program*.

The California Postsecondary Education Commission advises the Governor and Legislature on higher education policy and fiscal issues. Its primary focus is to ensure that the state's educational resources are used effectively to provide Californians with postsecondary education opportunities. More information about the Commission and its work can be found at its website at [www.cpec.ca.gov](http://www.cpec.ca.gov). Regarding this program, you may contact Chris Hopper, Humboldt State University, at 707-826-3853; Garry Eagles, Humboldt County Office of Education, 707-445-7030; or James Scott, Eureka City Schools, 707-441-414.